



CITY COUNCIL

Strategic Planning Committee

Monday, October 21, 2013
Meeting Report

Attending: J. Waltman, Chair; F. Acosta, M. Goodman-Hinnershitz, D. Sterner, D. Reed, R. Corcoran, S. Marmarou

Others Attending: L. Kelleher, C. Younger, E. Lloyd, V. Spencer, D. Cituk, M. Bembenick, C. Zale

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Waltman.

Council Committee Meetings

Mr. Waltman stated that Committee meetings are on hold due to budget meetings. The committee meetings will resume when the budget is finalized.

Memorials in City Parks

Ms. Kelleher stated that a work group composed of Mr. Kersley, Mr. Miller, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Ruyak and herself was formed by the Managing Director's office. During discussions the group decided that as the placement of memorials has now expanded beyond the original footprint of the grove, a moratorium on the addition of new memorials needs to go into effect. The group also discussed the fact that the addition of memorials has expanded to requests for memorials that honor an individual veteran rather than a veterans group. Mr. Miller pointed out that the Planning Commission has been very concerned that this multi-use park is beginning to look more like a cemetery due to the number of large and small memorials throughout the park. They have noted the need for improved control of the addition of memorials..

An ordinance was drafted by the group that creates a moratorium that can be repealed or lifted by Council. The ordinance creates an application process to consider the addition of memorials. The process requires applicants to provide funding for ongoing maintenance of the memorial they want to install. The ordinance creates a Memorial Review Committee (MRC) composed of Historic Preservation Specialist, City Planner, Public Works Operations Division Manager, the City Clerk, and the Director of Veterans Affairs (County office). The MRC will review applications that come in and a written recommendation will be forwarded for Council's

approval or rejection. When rejecting the recommendation, Council may also remand the application for a full review by Planning, HARB and City Council.

Ms. Kelleher reported that Floyd Turner, President of the SAR, is in the process of forming a non-profit group that will raise money for the maintenance of orphaned memorials.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz stated that she received an application to rename Memorial Grove, under the Naming Policy. She stated that this matter needs to be handled carefully.

Main Street Update

Mr. Waltman requested a Main Street Update from the Main Street manager in November.

CDC

Mr. Acosta inquired how many authorities have approved the CDC MOU. Mr. Spencer stated that all approved the CDC MOU but the Redevelopment Authority, who believes that their approval is not required as they will not be providing funding.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz inquired about the creation of the municipal bank and the investment of public dollars from the authorities. Mr. Acosta stated that in reality, the CDC is like a private corporation. Council can provide their input but the CDC can choose to ignore it.

The meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully Submitted by,
Linda A. Kelleher CMC
City Clerk*